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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5001-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 806, §49, is amended to read:

1. Requirement. Persons 7 years of age or older and under 17 years shall attend a public day school during the time it is in regular session. A person who enrolls in a school administrative unit in accordance with section 5201, subsection 2, paragraph B before the person is 7 years of age is required to remain in attendance at a public day school or at an alternative to attendance at a public day school in accordance with subsection 3 unless the person's parent provides the school officials of the school administrative unit in which the student resides a written notice of intent to withdraw the person from the school the person attends and a written assurance that the person will enroll in a public day school or an alternative to a public day school in accordance with subsection 3 by the time the person reaches 7 years of age.’

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report for the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, strikes and replaces the bill to change the compulsory school attendance laws to provide that a child who enrolls in a public day school before the child is 7 years of age is required to remain in attendance at a public day school or at an equivalent instruction alternative to attendance at a public day school unless the child's parent provides school officials with a written notice of intent to withdraw the child from school and a written assurance that the child will be enrolled in a school before the child reaches 7 years of age.